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Sir:

This submission accompanies a Request for Continued Examination in the above-captioned application and is responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed November 29, 2002 ("Paper No. 14") and the Advisory Action, mailed April 14, 2003 ("Paper no. 17). Further as permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d), this Request for Continued Examination is submitted in lieu of the appeal brief required by the Notice of Appeal filed April 29, 2003, in the above-referenced application. Applicant believes the Request for Continued Examination and this submission is timely filed. A Check covering the amount for the Request for Continued Examination is included herewith. No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing. However, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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